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SUBJECT:TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS WATER CRISIS

REF: NASSAU 360, DET 1 SAMTEC 231430Z MAR 77 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING REVISED DRAFT OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT IN  
REFERENCED DOD MESSAGE HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR NEGOTIATION  
BY COMMANDING OFFICER AIR FORCE EASTERN TEST RANGE GRAND  
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TURK WITH APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT OF  
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.

2. QUOTE: WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS  
ISLANDS (GOTCI) IS EXPERIENCING A SEVERE WATER SHORTAGE  
ON THE ISLAND OF GRAND TURK AND IS DESIROUS OF ALLEVIATING  
THE PROBLEM BY IMPORTING AND STORING WATER ON SAID ISLAND

FOR FUTURE USE AND; WHEREAS THE GOTCI HAS REQUESTED THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (USAF) TO ALLOW THE LAYING OF A PIPELINE FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT-OWNED PIER ACROSS A PORTION OF THE USAF AUXILIARY AIRFIELD ON GRAND TURK ISLAND AND TO ALLOW STORAGE OF SAID WATER IN THE CATCHMENT BASIN ON SAID AIRFIELD AND; WHEREAS THE USAF IS DESIROUS OF PROMOTING THIS SELF-HELP PROJECT OF THE GOTCI AND OF CONTINUING THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION EXISTING BETWEEN THE AIRFIELD AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES; NOW THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING AND THE MUTUAL PROMISES CONTAINED HEREIN, AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (4) OF ANNEX F TO THE 1961 DEFENSE AREAS AGREEMENT, THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT IS MADE:

THE USAF AGREES TO ALLOW THE GOTCI TO LAY A PIPELINE TO CARRY WATER FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT-OWNED PIER ACROSS A PORTION OF THE GRAND TURK AUXILIARY AIRFIELD, AND TO ALLOW STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL OF SAID WATER FROM SAID CATCHMENT BASIN. THE PRECISE LOCATION OF THE PIPELINE WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE USAF COMMANDER OF THE AIRFIELD.

THE GOTCI WILL BEAR ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LAYING, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SAID PIPELINE.

THE GOTCI WILL REMOVE NO MORE WATER FROM THE CATCHMENT BASIN THAN IT PLACES IN SUCH BASIN, MINUS WATER LOST THROUGH EVAPORATION, UNLESS SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION TO REMOVE MORE WATER IS OBTAINED FROM THE USAF COMMANDER OF  
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THE AIRFIELD.

THE GOTCI ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PURITY OF WATER IT STORES IN THE BASIN. THE PARTIES WILL PERIODICALLY CONDUCT JOINT TESTS OF THE WATER TO ASSURE ITS PURITY.

THE USAF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE FOR ITS OWN PURPOSES WATER IN THE CATCHMENT BASIN WHICH IS IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT PLACED IN THE BASIN BY THE GOTCI.

THE GOTCI AGREES TO FOREVER RELEASE AND DISCHARGE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES ARISING OUT OF, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF THE PIPELINE, OR THE USE OF THE CATCHMENT BASIN OR WATER THEREIN. THE GOTCI FURTHER AGREES TO HOLD THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS HARMLESS AGAINST ANY CLAIMS BY THIRD PARTIES ARISING OUT OF, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION

AND USE OF THE PIPELINE, OR THE USE OF THE CATCHMENT  
BASIN OR WATER THEREIN. END QUOTE.  
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